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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the application. By this response, Applicants elect group A, Figures 1A, 1B and 5-7, without traverse. Claims 1 and 13 are generic claims. Claims 1-4, 13, 15, 18-20 and 23-25 are directed to the elected species. Claims 5-12, 14, 16-17 and 21-22 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants request examination on the merits. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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